

# BUSINESS SHOWS HEALTHY GROWTH

Every District in Country  
Reports Increase in  
Prosperity.

## NEW YORK MAKES GREATEST RECORD

Nearly All Farmers Share in Im-  
provement, with Good  
Crop Prospects.

Washington, April 30.—The monthly survey of business conditions throughout the country reported to the Federal Reserve Board by agents in each reserve district shows that prosperity continued to increase during April in virtually every section of the United States, especially in Eastern manufacturing centers. A synopsis of the survey by districts follows:

Boston—Business continues to improve. Comparison with a year ago shows that in many cases the improvement is extreme.

New York.—The volume of goods produced and sold last month was probably greater than in any March of recent years.

Philadelphia—Trade is brisk. Prices are rising. Manufacturing plants are working to capacity.

Cleveland—Earnings of steel companies and concerns in kindred lines continue at an unprecedented rate.

Richmond—Business continues to show improvement. Farmers are in better financial condition than for some time past.

Atlanta—General conditions are unchanged. Outlook for future conditions is favorable. There is a gradual selling of the cotton crop. Manufacturers are working full time and many are behind on orders.

Chicago—Money is hardening slightly. Manufacturers and wholesale merchants are enjoying good business. Fall wheat condition is reported to be unsatisfactory in many localities. Increased wheat crops in prospect. Volume of general business continues high.

St. Louis—This district is in excellent business condition. Producers and manufacturers are operating to capacity, shipments of merchandise show large increases, and the buying power of the general public has increased.

Minneapolis—Wholesale and retail trades are prosperous and industrial conditions excellent. Grain territory will show a 10 per cent reduction in wheat acreage for 1916. Planting will be two weeks late, but a good crop is looked for, as conditions appear favorable.

Kansas City—Crop conditions have seldom been better at this season. Car shortages have been somewhat relieved. There are no labor disturbances.

Producers continue to be keen in all stock markets of the district. There appears to be no cessation in the volume of business.

Bellville—Rains have revived business, which was inclined to be sluggish. In the southwestern section, where no rain has fallen, some cattle are dying, and, unless rains come, conditions will soon be serious. Cotton is about all marketed. Activity in the oil fields has increased about 50 per cent over last year. General trade conditions are good and labor is in much demand.

San Francisco—Lumber prices are up 25 to 30 per thousand feet and orders are greater than mill capacity. Acute shortage has caused unparalleled activity in shipbuilding. Trade and financial conditions appear to be excellent.

## Reserve Bank of N. Y. Foresees Trade Boom

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